

# Reading EDGE

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## LYNN DENNIS DELIVERS

“Lynn is wonderful, she’s so good at picking out what we like!” Beverly said, as she returned a bag full of books and anticipated selecting more. “A lot of us don’t have a car and can’t get to the library. I’m so glad the library comes to us!”



*Beverly, Dorothy, Bee, and Lynn*

Beverly is referring to Lynn Dennis, the library’s outreach worker, who makes library services available to all Newport residents who have a library card. In a two week cycle Lynn drives the library van to Oceanview, Spencer House, Big Creek Point Apartments, the Senior Center, Pacific Homes Beach Club, and several other adult housing sites in Newport. Laden with books, videos, and books on tape, she knows each person individually and has developed a system for recording their reading preferences. Some prefer “gentle” mysteries. Others can only read large print books. Another person may enjoy watching nature videos.

Ten years ago Lynn visited just a few sites, but as the community needs have grown, so has her service. On a normal visit she delivers around 50 books, and people eagerly gather around to peruse the books together. They savor the photographs in a colorful cookbook, discuss a favorite series, give opinions about a book they just read, and effortlessly segue to a favorite recipe, a childhood memory, or a recent doctor visit. Lynn does more than bring books to people; her visits are a catalyst to conversation and friendship, which continue long after the library van departs.

## STRAUSSES REACH OUT

Newport Library has a dedicated corps of volunteers who keep the books on the shelves and put clean, shiny covers on the books, among many other tasks. Carol and Fred Strauss of Tidewater are members of this hardy crew.

“I began volunteering at the library in 1994,” said Fred, “because I’ve always been a library user and I wanted to give something back to my community.” Fred is still here every Friday, spending several of hours doing just that.

He began as a shelper and was joined by Carol in 1999. “When the library was being remodeled, a number of volunteers couldn’t keep working due to the dust, dirt, and noise. It didn’t bother me so when Kay (Eldon, Assistant Library Director) asked if I could help I said ‘Yes’ and I’m still here,” laughs Carol.

Earlier this year there was an abundance of volunteers willing to shelve on Fridays. When the job of outreach magazine volunteer came open, Fred and Carol once again readily said “Yes, we’ll do that.” Their Fridays are now



*Fred and Carol Strauss*

spent preparing donated magazines for distribution to waiting rooms around town. After weeding out the copies that are too old (only the last three months’ issues are

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## STRAUSSES REACH OUT, CONT.

used) they cut out the name labels, sort into piles appropriate for each location, load up their car, and deliver them to waiting rooms in such places as the Department of Motor Vehicles, Lincoln County Corrections Department, Trueman Recovery Center, and all of the Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital waiting rooms. While there, they tidy up the stacks and remove outdated or worn magazines.

Carol and Fred are retired from paying jobs, but they keep busy the rest of the week volunteering at their church, as tutors for the Seashore Literacy Center, fishing and crabbing (Fred), and making craft items (Carol).

Next time you are in one of the above waiting rooms and have a current magazine to read, think of Carol and Fred. They probably made sure that it was available for you.

## HONOR WITH BOOKS

The following people have been "Honored with Books:" Ira Eugene Eastman, John Curtin, Robert & Mary-Ellen Shindelman, Children of Armenia, Jane Maines, Bernice Barnett, Polly Murray, Sue Fowler, Evelyn Ashcroft, and Louise Waarvick.

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

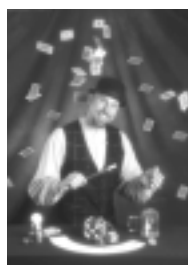
Library users are in for a treat this summer, as many talented performers bring their acts to the library!



*Alex Llumiquinga*

Alex Llumiquinga will present Andean folk music using authentic handmade instruments at 1:00 p.m. on July 7th. Alex has toured the world with his band, Chayag, participating in festivals that celebrate culture. He will also talk about his native country, Ecuador.

Arthur Atsma's illusion-filled act "The Magic of Reading" comes to the library on August 4th at 1:00 p.m. A life long magician and comedian, he uses magic as a tool to express the



*Arthur Atsma*

importance of reading, not only for information, but for fun and leisure too!

Elizabeth Falconer, acclaimed storyteller and master koto player, illustrates Japanese tales with music from her traditional instrument. Two-time winner of the Parents' Gold Choice Award,

Falconer will appear at a storytelling program for children on July 14th at 1:00 p.m., and again on July 16th at a program for adults that features the music and history of the koto.



*Elizabeth Falconer*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ♦ July 7, 1:00 p.m., Alex Llumiquinga, Andean music
- ♦ July 14, 1:00 p.m., Liz Falconer, Koto Master
- ♦ July 16, 7:00 p.m., Liz Falconer, Koto Master (for adults)
- ♦ July 21, 1:00 p.m. Book Bingo!
- ♦ July 21, 5:15 p.m., Library Foundation Meeting
- ♦ July 28, 1:00 p.m., Mary Esther Hart and her reptiles
- ♦ July 29, 7:00 p.m., Fear Factor Fun (for teens)
- ♦ August 4, 1:00 p.m., Magician Arthur Atsma
- ♦ August 18, 5:15 p.m. Library Foundation Meeting
- ♦ August 27, 7:00 p.m., Teen Movie Night
- ♦ September 15, 5:15 p.m. Library Board Meeting
- ♦ September 17-19, Stories by the Sea
- ♦ Ongoing: Toddler & Preschool Storytimes, Internet classes, and Reading Circle